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N. A. D. MATTERS

REGARDING THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In view of the resignation of two members of the Executive Committee, and some adverse criticism regarding the composition of the committee, I deem it proper to make a statement as to the considerations which controlled the appointment of the Committee.

Mr. Veditz did not seek a place on the committee. On the contrary, he at first declined. It was on my urging that he consented to accept. I take the full responsibility for his appointment. He has shown by his work an earnest desire to advance the interests of the N. A. D. There are none too many who have the willingness and the initiative to do real work for the deaf. To have Mr. Veditz retire from active service, as he desired and intended to do, would be a distinct loss to the Association. That is why I wanted him on the Executive Committee.

In selecting the other members I was governed by two considerations: A geological distribution that would give all sections of the country fair representation. Second, to have an Executive Committee that could pull together with a minimum of friction. When it is considered how the work of the Executive Committee has to be carried on, the latter consideration is of great practical importance. All work has to be done by correspondence, with the chairman as the connecting link. Every time a matter is to be submitted to the Executive Committee the chairman has to write to each of the eight members. The replies come to the chairman, and if the matter has to be again submitted to the committee, it means eight more letters, and so on.

It has been argued that the "opposition" should have been "recognized" but appointing an equal number from each side. If the committee could hold meetings, discuss matters face to face, and vote, it would be practicable and even desirable to have such a committee; but when the work has to be carried on as above stated, if some of the members are hostile to certain other members, and disposed to cause trouble, they could easily block the work of the committee. It is difficult at best to carry on work with a committee that is

harmonious. With a divided committee the work of the chairman would become intolerable.

The Committee was not selected with a view to carry out the wishes of one wing of the Association. On the contrary, I believe that the members selected are all broad enough to act for the interests of the Association as a whole. That is what they were selected to do and what I believe they will do.

In filling the vacancies I am governed by the same consideration—i. e. to have men broad enough to act for the good of the whole Association—irrespective of whether or not they voted with the opposition. As a matter of fact, aside from a half-dozen of the most active among the "opposition" I do not know who voted for or against me, and have not made this matter a consideration in making appointments.

On several questions, particularly that of re-organization, I am rather in sympathy with the losing than with the winning side. I regret as much as anybody that bitter personal animosities prevented a fair consideration of important questions.

There is talk of a break in the Association. This is due to the same opposition of personal views on the part of a few of our leading members. As I have said in private correspondence to some of them, I should like to bang their heads together hard and plenty till they cried "enough!" There is absolutely no ground for a split in the Association, as we deaf are practically united on important questions. There is need for moderation and consideration on both sides; for less acrimony, and more charity; for less faultfinding, and more helpfulness.

As I said at Colorado Springs, if the deaf will give me their support I hope to accomplish results in spite of difficulties.

OLOF HANSON,
President N. A. D.

Seattle, Nov. 18th, 1910.

MR. SCHROEDER RESIGNS.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 22nd, 1910.

Mr. Olof Hanson,

President National Association of the Deaf, Seattle, Wash.

My Dear Mr. Hanson: I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Executive Committee of the

National Association of the Deaf.

I understand that the Executive Committee is committed to work towards securing the ratification of the federation plan adopted at Colorado Springs.

The Minnesota Association of the Deaf, of which I have the honor of being president, is unalterably opposed to this plan of federation and I feel that it would be inconsistent in me to work for a measure that my State Association opposes.

In resigning from the Executive Committee I likewise tender my resignation from such other committees for which you may have slated me.

Yours very truly,

ANTON SCHROEDER.

REPLY TO THE ABOVE.

Mr. Anton Schroeder, St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Mr. Schroeder: Yours of the 22nd inst. tendering your resignation from the Ex. Com. has been received.

The Executive Committee is not committed to work for the Federation plan. I am opposed to it myself, as I opposed it from the platform at Colorado Springs. If it is ratified by nine State Associations I shall take official cognizance of the fact; but I do not expect that it will be. In my opinion the discussion of the matter at Colorado Springs was entirely inadequate for reaching a sound conclusion. And the failure, for want of time, to consider other amendments to the constitution, in which a large number were deeply interested, made the vote on the Federation plan unfortunate. I know that some who voted for the Federation plan did so, not because they believed in Federation, but because they wanted to show that, as between Spear and Veditz they were with Veditz, and would rather stand by him than take the chances of having the convention thrown into confusion by allowing the Spear plan to come up for discussion.

So far as the Federation matter is concerned, there is no need of your resigning, and I should be pleased to have you remain on the Committee. If, however, your resignation tends to promote harmony in your state, and enables you to better discharge your duties as President of the State Association, I shall be reluctantly obliged to accept your resignation.

Yours very truly,

OLOF HANSON,
President, N. A. D.

MR. ROTHERT APPOINTED.

Mr. Waldo H. Rothert of Omaha, Neb., has been appointed to a place on the Executive Committee made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Veditz, and has accepted.

Bureau of Industrial Statistics—

Lyman R. Hunt, Sioux Falls, S. D., Director; Duncan A. Cameron, Jackson, Miss; W. H. Rothert, Omaha, Neb.; Walter Glover, Spartanburg, S. C.; Ernest Swangren, N. Yakima, Wash.

TACOMA.

Mrs. Hammond and Mr. Rowan who have been on the sick list lately are now fully recovered.

Mr. Thomas invited Mr. Rhiley, an old school mate of his, to spend Sunday last with him on his ranch at McMillan. They both returned laden with apples.

Miss Slegel and her mother spent last week in Seattle. As usual, Mabel was overjoyed to return to Tacoma once more.

Mrs. Hutson has had a handsome tombstone erected over the late Mr. Hutson's grave.

Mr. Schmitt of Portland is a new comer to Tacoma. He works in the Carstens Packing plant where Mr. Otha Minnick, Mr. J. Rowan and Mr. Rhiley are also employed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wade entertained Mrs. Hutson of Tacoma and Messrs. Meagher and Christensen of Seattle at dinner Sunday, Nov. 13th. Of course they had chicken.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hammond had dinner with the Seeleys Thursday evening. Charles told a hard luck story of a dream he had lately, wherein he stole a bag of gold, but awoke too soon to find out what it would feel like to be a prisoner.

Miss Slegel is very busy nowadays getting subscriptions and renewals for the magazines for which she is agent. She has had some large club orders from teachers in the public schools in addition to her other subscriptions.

Albert Minnick is knee-deep in clover—or, rather feathers nowadays. He is so expert that he can kill and dress sixty chickens per hour.

The semi-annual election of officers was held at the meeting of the Tacoma Literary Club Sunday, November 20th.

Charles Hammond was elected president to succeed Mrs. Seeley. Mr. Foster was re-elected vice-president; Mrs. Seeley was elected secretary to succeed Mr. Eaton; Mrs. Wade will succeed Mr. Hammond as treasurer, and Otha Minnick was re-elected doorkeeper. The election took so much time there was none left for the program given out at the last meeting. The program for the next meeting will be: "Current Events," Miss

Slegel; song, Mr. Thomas; dialogue, Mr. Moore; story, Mr. Minnick.

Messrs. Thomas, Moore and Minnick were appointed a committee to secure a room in which to hold the next meeting of the club. An effort is to be made by the club to secure a permanent meeting place centrally located. The names of J. Rowan and Mr. Prowinski were handed in as candidates for membership. The members are looking forward to a new era of progress and are planning some pleasant social times for the coming winter.

SPOKANE ITEMS.

The Spokane Association of November 5th was held at Blair's Business College, Dave Krause, Vice President, was in his chair, while President O'Leary was absent. The roll call was read, and Dave announced that we have church every Sunday at the Central Christian Church. New officers were elected: President, Dave Krause; Vice President, Mrs. Susie Smith; Secretary, P. L. Axling; Treasurer, A. Curl; Sergeant-at-Arms, Edwin Whipple.

The Halloween party in honor of Mrs. Belle Bergh, was a grand success. The house was decorated with green and yellow paper, and Jack O'Lanterns, nice refreshments were served. A good time was had up to a late hour.

Frank Morris, a brother of Miss Cleon Morris, paid her a visit. He reports he had a nice trip. We were glad to meet him, but sorry he went home so soon.

The association of the 19th was held, but owing to the rain a very few attended the meeting. There was no programme, but had several stories, which P. L. Axling, David Krause and Miss Jesse Livingston told. We enjoyed it very much. Miss Helen Peck of Coleville, Wash., and Frank Chambers of Baker City, Ore., paid us a visit. We were very glad to see them.

P. L. Axling announced at the meeting he had sold his Spokane property and purchased a 40-acre fruit ranch at Moscow, Idaho. He secured a good price for his house and pays \$12,000 for the Moscow property. Everything is ready to move on the place in the spring, and Mr. Axling and family will go there about the first of March to give their entire attention to the fruit business. Moscow is about three hours' ride on the electric interurban from Spokane.

Miss Myra Ford left Spokane the 15th for her home at Waverly. She

writes Miss Morris that she will come back to Spokane within two weeks, and take her position at the candy factory. We understand she cannot afford to miss the sweetmeat.

Miss Jessie Livingston from Belmont, Wash., who came to call on Spokane friends during the apple show, left for home Sunday afternoon.

Miss Laura Meador left the 14th for her home in Harrison, Idaho, to spend the winter. She writes Mrs. John Toner that she misses Spokane, and will come back in the spring.

TATT and EVA.

PORTLAND, OREGON.

Frank Johnson, who had an operation performed at the St. Vincent hospital, is out of danger and his recovery is expected.

Ethel Morton left last week for Bellevue, Wash., where she will spend the winter.

Mrs. J. O. Reichle was on the sick list, having "hives." Any honey for sale? Yes, two honey combs for two bits.

Portland voted two to one in favor of saloons on November 8th and Portland has just what she voted for. We, the prohibitionists, are defeated, but not discouraged. We are still strong in courage and determination. There is another day coming and we will do better. (You will win some day.—Ed.)

There was a better attendance than usual at the last lecture at the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Tolson was at his best and made an impassioned plea for the utter abolition of the saloons as being the worst enemy of our civilization. The lecture was followed by a song, "For the Lord of host is with us," by Mrs. Reichle.

At the last business meeting of the P. D. M. Society Miss Bond was elected secretary. A committee composed of Mesdames Gromachy, Bennick and Mrs. Reichle, and Messrs. Hastings and Lidberg were elected to make arrangements for Thanksgiving Day. The committee met at the home of Mrs. Reichle and decided to have an all day of amusement. A big turkey dinner will be given at the Stueben hall on Ivy and Williams avenue at 75 cents per plate. Come one and all and have a grand time.

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TO EDITORS OF PERIODICALS FOR THE DEAF.

We wish the editor of every periodical for the deaf published in the United States to drop us a card at once—today—stating where, in their opinion, the next convention of the N. A. D. should be held. We hope there will be a general response to this request that we may get some idea of the sentiment throughout the country.

THAT'S HIM.

Mr. Olof Hanson, of Seattle, Wash., was elected president and will serve during the next three years. He is an aggressive fighter and all are confident he will uphold the cause of the deaf.—Pelican (La.)

ONE BETTER THAN TWO.

The Silent Success of St. Louis gave up the ghost in August, and quit business.—Kansas Star.

You are wrong, friend Roberts. The Silent Success managers realized that one paper was better than two, they accordingly turned over their subscription list to The Observer, and we hope to be able to satisfy those who formerly read the Success.

THE ADJOURN MOTION.

There has been considerable comment in the papers and otherwise on the motion to adjourn which was presented by Mr. Wright of Seattle on the first day of the National convention.

This motion was made at 12 o'clock noon—an appropriate time. It was carried by a vote of about 16 to 1. So we fail to see the injustice of it.

Certain parties allege this was prearranged. That charge is not true.

Mr. Wright, who made the motion, is as upright and honorable a gentleman as any present at the convention. His word can be depended upon at any time.

Thanksgiving Day

To-day is Thanksgiving Day. A day when we should pause and consider the blessings heaped upon us during the year, to give thanks, to read our lives and plan for betterment. Each person can find much to be thankful for.

The OBSERVER is especially thankful for the many new friends it has made during the year, for its faithful agents and correspondents.

BOUQUETS.

Dear Mr. Christenson:—Enclosed herewith find postal money order to apply on our subscription account.

The deaf must subscribe for one or more papers published solely in their interest if they want to keep abreast the deaf world.

Speaking of publications, the past year has fully convinced us that The Observer has a seat in the front row.

All hail the Observer. Long may "she" survive. Sincerely yours,

CHARLES H. LOUCKS,

1024 So. Kline St.—Aberdeen, S. D.

I cannot get along without your paper.

MRS. JOHN TONER,

524 S. Sheridan St. Spokane, Wash.

PRACTICAL IDEA.

The Banner has made an arrangement with the Dakota Farmer, published at Aberdeen, S. D., whereby ten copies of that paper are received here every month. These are distributed among the older pupils and are kept by them. The paper is a most excellent farm journal and we believe that in placing it in the hands of older pupils we are giving them some reading matter that will be of practical benefit to them as the majority of our older boys are sons of farmers and will probably return to the farm after leaving school.—North Dakota Banner. Sure; give them all the practical help possible.

TO PUSH HIS PRIVATE BUSINESS

We understand that George W. Veditz, who has been editor of the Optimist for some time, will shortly sever his connection with the paper and devote his whole time to his private business, which he has neglected the past year while pushing N. A. D. affairs.

Mr. Veditz is an able and resourceful leader, and we are sorry his services could not have been retained by the N. A. D. in an official capacity.

Renew for The Observer To-day.

DR. GALLAUDET'S RETURN HOME.

Dr. and Miss Gallaudet arrived at Kendall Green from their European trip on the night of October 17th. The college boys had anticipated their coming, and met the carriage at the gate, removed the horses and drew it up the driveway to the Gallaudet home, where a number of boys there stationed, illuminated by red fire, rent the air with their cheers. Dr. Gallaudet seemed to enjoy this boisterous reception.

The next evening a meeting was held in the chapel hall in honor of the doctor's home-coming. Miss Eaton ascended the platform, and from beneath an arch of autumn leaves with the words, "Welcome Home" traced thereon, signed "Home, Sweet Home," with such depth of expression that many were moved to tears. While the applause still lingered with the old song, Miss Pike stepped before the doctor and presented him with a mammoth bunch of American Beauty roses, on behalf of the students and the faculty. Greatly touched, the doctor bowed his thanks, and then, from the platform, made a short address of appreciation. Doctor and Miss Gallaudet, with President Hall, then personally met those present, after which a social hour including refreshments, was enjoyed by all.

We are happy to learn that the good doctor has improved greatly in health and strength since last spring. He is looking at least five years younger, and in fact feels himself in condition to resume work. He will retain his residence on the Green this coming year.—Ohio Chronicle.

Appreciation

The success of The Observer is due largely to its many faithful agents and able correspondents. Our aim has been to secure only such as we felt we could trust. To be sure we have had two or three who have secretly worked against us, but those we have gotten rid of. Many of our agents do not let an opportunity pass to speak a good word for us, and refuse to take any commission for subscription taken. It is such that help to keep an independent paper alive.

Our thanks to all such. We appreciate their efforts, yet still it is but labor for the deaf as we are making no profit from The OBSERVER.

LOCAL ITEMS

Ed. Langdon has left the printing business and become a near-shoreman.

Miss Myrtle Hammond of Minneapolis, Minn., is soon to become a resident of Seattle.

—J. B. Bixler of Wenatchee was in town last week. Joe is getting fat on those big red apples.

Miss Mabel Burnett of Prescott, Wash., is now in Seattle and has taken a position in Palace laundry.

Prof. S. S. Walker of Portland, Ore., who has spent the summer in Plymouth, Mass., is now back to the rose city of Oregon.

Matt Treese was up from Yakima last week calling on friends and enjoying life. He left last Sunday evening for Denver, Colorado, on important business.

The factory where Albert Hole works was closed a few days last week out of respect for Mr. Schoenfeld, head of the Standard Furniture company, who died Friday.

If you like The Observer send on your dollar. Every little helps make a good independent paper.

Miss Laura Sampson was made happy Halloween evening. The stork left a little nephew at her home. Her little niece is also there from Colorado. Her brother-in-law, Hawley Wilson, has just returned from Alaska. He will take his family there next spring.

Mrs. Hanson recently chaperoned a party to the theatre consisting of Misses Hilda Peterson, Mabel Scanlan and Jimmy Freddy (on the latter's prize tickets.) When it comes to beauty, brains and brawn the Seattle colony yields to none on this earth (nor under it.)

Several young ladies hailing from fields afar are said to have their eyes on Seattle's young men. Wise owls, those.

BIBLE CLASS.

The first meeting of the newly organized Bible class was held last Sunday.

L. O. Christenson was the leader and he did finely. All felt it was good to be there and that a beneficial work had been started. The next meeting will be held the third Sunday in December at Trinity church, corner of James street and Eighth avenue.

THE EVENING HUSH.

"That deaf mute says he is certain his love is not reciprocated."

"Why? Because of his affliction?"

"No, the girl is a deaf mute, too. But she always turns out the light when he calls in the evening."—Brooklyn Life.

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LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

The Seattle Star recently offered prizes for the best articles on the subject of "Love at First Sight."

James Frederick Meagher read the offer and straightway hid himself away to his den, where he tickled the muse. The muse responded and Jimmy sent his effort to the editor. Now if anything Jimmy is an authority on Love. In time, lo! and behold Jimmy Freddy's poem was printed in the daily and announced as winner of prize number one. Jimmy immediately stood on his head, which performance was repeated when it was made known the prize was to be four tickets to see "The Kissing Girl" at the Moore theatre, for be it known, Jimmy knows all about kissing, too. The lines which won this prize are as follows:

"Love at first sight? Most certainly, why not?
Better to wait a seven year? What rot!

Joseph earned Leah toiling seven years,
Earned her through hardship, suffering and tears.

Liking her not, he toiled full seven more
For Laban's Rachel, runs the olden lore.

Love at first sight? The lily droops and dies
While fools stand pondering with doubtful eyes.

Dante saw his Beatrice only once, 'tis told,
Yet earth was richer by a thousand fold.

So let aged scholars sneer and shudder still;
True love yet kindles in that first fond thrill!"

James Frederick is gradually realizing he can make more from his brains than his brawn.

THE A. C. SOCIAL

The new athletic club gave a very entertaining social last Saturday, half a dozen prizes being awarded the winners of the various games and refreshments dispensed gratis. The boys give every indication of furnishing abundant entertainment throughout the winter, and the membership is rapidly increasing.

TURKS GUARD STATE SECRETS
BY USE OF DEAF AND DUMB.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—Sigmund Muenzwell known political essayist, who has just returned from Constantinople, brings an extraordinary account of how the state secrets are kept by the new Turkish government.

He thus describes the cabinet council:

"The grand vizier, who is flanked by the sheik-el-islam, on the right, and the minister of war on the left, presides. The other ministers are distributed around the outer table in the shape of a horseshoe. Behind the chair of every minister stands a deaf and dumb domestic who waits on him

during the proceedings, which often are prolonged over the greater part of a day, during which the nation's rulers consume vast quantities of Turkish coffee and smoke innumerable cigars.

"The inner side of the horseshoe is occupied by deaf and dumb secretaries. The accomplishments of the cabinet minister thus include a working acquaintance with the deaf and dumb alphabet, otherwise it would be impossible to communicate the necessary instructions to the silent collaborators."—Chicago Tribune.

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CHICAGO.

Mrs. Theresa Jensen Caro, who learned A B C at Jacksonville, expired on Oct. 16 after an operation on gallstones, leaving a husband and four children to mourn the loss of their beloved one.

Mrs. Ella Drinkwine Beaman, for some time a patient at the Kankakee insane hospital, bade goodbye to this earthly life on Oct. 22. Ill health of a long standing is said to have disordered her mind and heroic efforts to restore her mental senses went aglimmering. She obtained her Catholic education in Canada. The funeral rites were conducted by a Baptist preacher, assisted by Rev. P. J. Hasenstab, who held a brief service at the grave and Mrs. Frieda B. Carpenter, who recited "Lead, Kindly Light."

Mrs. Fannie Hegg Delano went to eternal sleep on Oct. 25, at Aurora, where her husband and child live. The Epworth League, of which she was a member, was represented at the funeral in Naperville by Mr. W. A. Zollinger and Mrs. Frieda B. Carpenter, the latter, who was her bridesmaid four years ago, fulfilling the life-long wish of Mrs. Delano that she should recite a hymn at her funeral. Rev. P. J. Hasenstab preached an eulogistic sermon, orally interpreted by his daughter Grace. Mrs. Carpenter's favorite hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," was recited.

Mrs. Harry Joseph breathed her last on Oct. 28. She was educated at a day school in Cincinnati. Her husband, who has two children, is employed in a tonsorial parlor at the corner of Adams street and Fifth avenue.

Mrs. Maria Spalding, mother of Mrs. James Gibney and Frank Spalding, lost her life in a violent accident on Nov. 2. She was working on a bed comfort when it came into contact with fire in a gas range, and in less time than it takes to tell, she was a burning torch. Fortunately, immediate help was summoned and her sufferings, terrible as they were, gradually subsided until death ended her agony. In the meantime, Mrs. Gibney was away on a mission of mercy and help, fully ignorant of the horrible accident that befell her aged mother until after her return from an afternoon meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society. Mrs. Spalding was endeared to many of her deaf friends who attended social and prayer meetings at Mrs. Gibney's home and always spoke a pleasant word to every coming and departing guest.

A Methodist mission for the deaf in Cincinnati has become a reality through the instrumentality of Miss Mary V. Cameron, a deaconess of that city. Rev. P. J. Hasenstab's monthly Sabbath preaching service is one of the several features. The success of the establishing of this mission is

largely due to the untiring activities of the deaconess. Truly the era of Methodist evangelism is on. A religious awakening among the deaf is essential to the strengthening of their "belief in Jesus Christ, the Bible, the Sabbath and Christian experience."

Patrick Hopper has secured temporary work as pattern-maker in Indiana Harbor, Ind. He continues to make his home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper (nee Mary Wilfred Jones) returned from a honeymoon trip to the East. Their home is at 416 South 43rd street. Mr. Cooper, who made possible the education of the colored deaf at Baltimore, is a bona fide member of the printerdom, at Donnelley's. Mrs. Cooper taught two years at the Louisiana school. They have a large clique who wishes them a long season of matrimonial happiness.

Miss Vina Smith, the deaf mute deaconess, who has been doing such excellent work among her people in Chicago for several years, is taking post-graduate work in sociology in Epworth Institute.—St. Louis Inasmuch.

Rumors are afloat anent the future of the Pas-a-Pas Club. The building in which the club has been housed for several years will be dismantled in May. High rentals may necessitate the removal of the club several miles from the loop, which fact will no doubt cause much rejoicing among the friends of decent government and moral standards.

Under the auspices of the Epworth League a very interesting program was given at the First M. E. church on Nov. 11. The question, "which does the most to produce crime, poverty or wealth?" was debated upon. A dialogue, "No insurance policy for John," a recitation and mirth-provoking stories were among other features. So good a treat it was that many were disappointed to miss it.

A SUGGESTION.

The following letter which was sent to President Hanson, without containing much of interest to our readers, and we are glad to print the same:

Mr. Olof Hanson, President N. A. D., Seattle, Washington:

I have a little suggestion to present to those who have the management of the moving picture project.

You are probably aware that every year during the winter holidays nearly every school for the deaf in the country have stage plays for the entertainment of their pupils. The pupils themselves are generally the actors, but the teachers, as a rule, select the plays, and train the pupils to act—often almost to perfection. Thus it will be seen that often these plays are of a high standard, and it has occurred to me that if the best of them could be selected and included in the moving picture collection that the N. A. D. proposes to get up, it would make a grand display.

The N. A. D. as owner could loan them to the various Schools for the Deaf in the country, and it would afford abundant amusement to the pupils, bringing them in contact with the children afflicted like themselves in other schools than their own. It seems to me that the N. A. D. could make some money by it, as each school would be willing to pay liberally for the use of the films.

In addition to the above, baseball and football games at the various schools could be put in the collection and I might add pictures of boys and girls at work in the school shops.

I offer these suggestions to the committee in charge of the movement for what they are worth.

JOHN E. CRANE,
Hartford, Conn.

THAT CARD PARTY.

L. O. Christenson opened up with an expanded chest and new vest and delivered himself of the following:

The King of Spades,
He kissed the maids
Which vexed the
Queen full sore;
The Queen of Spades
She beat the maids
And turned them
Out of doors."

Great applause.

That old printer, A. W. Wright, next arose and explained why a jack flush is so much superior to an indented heart. Why the ace of spades is always black while the heart is red; also that as a club has a handle and a diamond has none, it's so much easier to retain a club during a poker game than a diamond.

(He took the booby prize, we think.)

Our friend Gustin in tragic style recited:

"The King of Clubs
He often drubs
His loving wife
And queen;
The Queen of Clubs
Returns him snubs
And all is
Noise and strife."
Ladies weep.

Mr. Hanson dwelt on the tendency of poker to make a big hole in your pocket. He admitted though that all his information came from hearsay, that he had no practical experience along that line.

A fair lady next gave the audience the time-worn song:

"The Queen of Hearts
She made some tarts
All in a summer day;
The Knave of Hearts
He stole those tarts
And with them ran away."

This made every one so hungry that refreshments were passed around.

A few games of old sledge were played—just get in practice.

Some people think this report is not genuine. We admit we can't vouch for the truth of it all. If any one wants an explanation we suggest they write to Mrs. Gustin.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS.

Will the Executive Committee of the Washington State Association of the Deaf announce the location of the coming summer convention, which is to be held in that state? Being somewhat interested, we want to know how much our expenses will be in case we attend.

Although being the only deaf person in that locality, Frank Adams of Thompson Falls, Mont., does not show any signs of lonesomeness. Perhaps it's because he is in the hills most of the time chasing deers. Anyway, Frank can make me envious with his deer stories. One day he saw nine deer. He doubtless got a piece of venison often. This ought to be news to some fair maid.

A. Wolfe, for some time a resident of Anaconda, Mont., and a printer and artist by trade, has decided to tack his time card somewhere within the boundary of the Evergreen state. Spokane is the place he is headed for, so we understand. Having been offered a position by the American Engraving Co. of that city. J. C. Bertram, now residing in Tacoma, was formerly employed there before he resigned from the Spokane Association of the Deaf and moved to Tacoma. Mr. Bertram was there only a short time before he was married to Miss Edna Marshall of that city, and we are wondering if Mr. Wolfe will turn out one of the like benedicts.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Thompson are at present residing at Deer Lodge, Mont. (the penitentiary town of the state of Montana). Mr. Thompson works as a plasterer and announces work at present plentiful, but that when the cold weather sets in it will fall back. They have not yet decided if they will remain in Deer Lodge during the winter or move to Missoula.

Mr. and Mrs. Cretzer of Anaconda are soon to move to Salt Lake or near by, leaving Anaconda deserted as to the deaf population. Mr. Cretzer is at present employed in the smelter there, which is said to be the largest in the world.

Miss Anna Wood of Helena, Mont., has announced that she will probably visit the West next summer if nothing interferes, probably attending the Washington State Convention. Miss Wood was formerly a teacher at the Boulder institution.

THE WAY SOME OF US FEEL.

The success of the Colorado convention was due in a great measure to President Veditz. He saw that every arrangement was made in detail and was able to be of great assistance to the visitors in all their doings. He was presented with a purse of one hundred dollars by both friends and foes in appreciation for his services.—Ohio Chronicle.

TRYING TO FIND OUT THINGS.

My pa didn't go down town
Last evening after tea,
But got a book an' settled down
As comfy as could be.
I'll tell you I was off glad
To have my pa about
To answer all the things I had
Been trying to find out.

And so I asked him why the world
Is round instead of square,
And why the piggies' tails are curled
And why don't fish breathe air?
And why the moon don't hit a star
And why the dark is black,
And jest how many birds there are
And will the wind come back.

And why does water stay in wells
And why do June bugs hum
And what's the roar I heard in shells
And when will Christmas come?
And why the grass is always green,
Instead of sometimes blue?
And why a bean will grow a bean,
And not an apple too?

And why a horse can't learn to moo
And why a cow can't neigh?
And do the fairies live on dew,
And what makes hair grow gray?
And then my pa got up an' Gee!
The angry words he said,
I hadn't done a thing, but he
Just sent me off to bed.

—Ex.

EVIL OF TRADE JUMPING.

In a recent editorial, the Kansas Star says:

"With the opening of school the old problem of transferring pupils from one shop to another comes up. Every fall, pupils ask to change their trade. Parents often make the request that their children be allowed to learn a different trade from the one pursued the past year, or several years as the case may be.

"An endeavor is made in the beginning to place pupils in the particular shop where their talents will be developed to the highest possible extent. The predilection of the pupil and the desire of the parents are considered in placing a pupil. Of course it is not always possible to place a pupil in the shop where he will develop a liking and a satisfaction with the trade. But in the majority of cases this should be possible.

"Considering the various trades taught here at the school, there is very little difference from a wage-earning standpoint.

"Printers get all the way from \$10 to \$40 a week; carpenters \$15 to \$25; shoemakers \$10 to \$30; bakers \$10 to \$20; harness-makers \$10 to \$20.

"In our opinion, when a pupil has spent several years in learning a particular trade he should not be allowed

to jump to another shop. Often a pupil who has only two or three years remaining until graduation asks to be transferred to another trade. During the school year a pupil spends in the shop less than ten of the forty weeks. In two years he will have only twenty weeks in which to learn the new trade. This is an utter impossibility. The result is, the pupil graduates with a limited knowledge of two or three trades, unable to command living wages at any one of them. We have known boys to leave school after having been in all the different shops at one time or another.

"The pupil should learn one good trade and learn it well, if he hopes to follow it as a vocation in after life. This is an age of specialization, and the man who can do one thing better than others is sure of a permanent place at good pay. Jack-of-all-trades are too numerous and their wages too small to admit any of our boys into their ranks."—Missouri Record.

The above contains a whole lot of truth. We have seen how it works in this city.

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THAT DREADED INSULT.

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"He was afraid they would give him the silence.

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